

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of June 12, 2003

Present:	Doug Bordas, member	Ida Edmunds, member
	Kathleen Fejes, member	John Goetz, member
	Larry Jose, member	Orestes Kaltsounis, member
	Tom Krent, member	Meaghan Kovacs, member
	Jeff Stewart, member	Janice Zikakis, member
	Jeff Biegler, staff	Carol K. Anderson, staff

Absent: Deanna Ned

Visitors: John Szerlag, City Manager

A motion by Tom Krent, supported by Janice Zikakis, that the minutes from May 8, 2003 be approved as submitted.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Krent distributed a compilation of City staff/Council actions regarding naming of parks.

John Szerlag spoke about the naming of the golf course. Mr. Szerlag explained that the Policy Governing the Naming of Public Places (Res # 86-559) is followed when consideration is made for names of people and/or organizations. He also apologized on behalf of City management for the Park Board not having formal input into the planning process for the naming of the golf course.

Mr. Szerlag distributed a memo to Council for the June 16, 2003 agenda regarding this matter. Mr. Szerlag stated that his memo to Council outlines four options for the name and/or naming the Council.

John Goetz stated that one function of the Park Board is to name the parks and by not allowing the Park Board to complete this task, the Park Board is non-functioning.

Mr. Krent disagreed with the interpretation of the policy. Ms. Edmunds suggested that the Park Board offer recommendations on the name. Mr. Jose noted that the winner was notified before the Council received the name. Mr. Bordas and Mr. Kaltsounis stated past practice has been that public park names of any kind have been sent to the Park Board. Tom Krent and Kathleen Fejes stated they were opposed to the name for various reasons.

Discussion continued regarding the meaning and connotation of the term "Sanctuary." Ms. Edmunds suggested a descriptive term be added to the name.

Mr. Goetz stated the methodology for choosing the name is the problem.

After much discussion about the name and methodology of the name chosen for the golf course, the following motion was made:

A motion by Tom Krent, supported by Orestes Kaltsounis, that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommend to City Council that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board be given the opportunity to review names for the golf course and that a recommendation be made and forwarded to the City Council for approval.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 2

MOTION CARRIED

After further discussion:

A motion by Ida Edmunds, supported by Doug Bordas, that the Board recommend to City Council that a unique, descriptive term be added to The Sanctuary Golf Club such as "The Sanctuary Lake Golf Club," "Nature Sanctuary Golf Course", or "The Golf Course Sanctuary."

Ayes: 9

Nays: 1

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Szerlag stated that City staff will propose additional language be added to the Policy Governing the Naming of Public Places (Res #86-559) which will include criteria and procedures for names of parks and public places that are not dedicated to a person and/or organization.

Mr. Szerlag spoke about the cricket location and the process for choosing the cricket field location, contract and resident concerns.

Mr. Szerlag spoke of the interest of the Rotary Club in contributing to the development and naming of a park as Rotary Park. The club representatives have indicated that Sylvan Glen may be suitable. Board members indicated that there may need to be a sponsorship policy or naming rights policy developed before consideration of this kind of naming.

NEW BUSINESS

A. New Golf Course - Ms. Anderson informed the Park Board of several Robart St. homeowners interest in buying the City property that abuts their property due to trespassers on their property and the fact that they have maintained this property for years. Park Board members expressed concern about riparian rights, what future use might be and if the area could be gated.

B. Summer Meeting Schedule -

A motion by Tom Krent, supported by Kathleen Fejes, that there will not be a July or August, 2003 meeting.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

C. Park Design - Carol Anderson reviewed the park design cost estimates as provided by M.C. Smith Associates. It is known that there are no budgeted funds for development in 2003-2004.

Mr. Szerlag gave an overview of the City budget and approval process.

D. Skatepark Opening - Jeff Biegler indicated that construction is underway and will be complete within a few weeks, weather permitting. The grand opening will be announced to the board as soon as it is known. It is expected that skaters be allowed to use the park as soon as it is ready with the opening celebration later.

E. Golf Course Tour - Though no tour of the course was possible, Park Board members were able to tour the clubhouse, see part of the course from the clubhouse and see the parties/outings pavilion.

Member Comments - Mr. Bordas asked if the City dictated the time used/dates for TYSL. Ms. Anderson explained that the City informs/works with TYSL on what fields are available for any season but does not dictate dates nor times. There are some automatic restrictions such as the hours available because of daylight, fields being rested/rotated and the new demand for small fields (of which we have not converted the desired number of fields). The spring season is short because games cannot start before the weather cooperates and the desire by TYSL to be finished by early June.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol K. Anderson
Parks and Recreation Director